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‘Keeping the Promise’ aid reimburses high-cost special education expenses

MADISON—“We are reaching out to schools and communities to provide some relief for high-cost special education expenses that can have a major impact on local school budgets,” said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster in announcing the distribution of \$5.4 million in *Keeping the Promise* aid.

Funding will go to 127 local educational agencies for services they provided during the 2006-07 school year to students with severe or multiple disabilities that exceed \$30,000 per child.

School districts have long identified high-cost special education student expenses as a funding issue that challenges local budgets. Burmaster established the *Keeping the Promise: High-Cost Special Education Aid* program in 2003 to address this need, using discretionary funding from the state’s federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) allocation. She requested state support for the *Keeping the Promise* initiative in her 2005-07 budget, which the governor and Legislature approved. State funding was first available in 2007. The \$5.4 million *Keeping the Promise: High-Cost Special Education Aid* for 2008 is a mix of \$3.5 million in state and \$1.9 million in federal funding.

“By law, every child is entitled to a free appropriate public education,” Burmaster said. “This aid will help school districts meet that promise for students with severe disabilities.”

Claims for services to students with severe or multiple disabilities during the 2006-07 school year totaled \$8.8 million. Reimbursement for claims was prorated at 61 percent so it didn’t exceed the \$5.4 million available. Payments went to 124 school districts, two cooperative educational service agencies, and the Walworth County Children with Disabilities Education Board (CCDEB) for services to students in 153 school districts.

Eligible costs under the *Keeping the Promise* program include all costs (except administration or leadership) related to educating a student with high-cost special education needs in the 2006-07 school year. Reimbursement from IDEA flow-through funds, Medicaid, and state special education categorical

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aid were deducted first. After those deductions, *Keeping the Promise: High-Cost Special Education Aid* was calculated at 90 percent of the amount by which the total cost of providing education and related services to an individual child exceeded \$30,000.

“We are grateful that Governor Doyle and the Legislature continued to allocate state funds to districts with high-cost special education students,” Burmaster said. “All students deserve a quality education, and the cost of educating students with severe or multiple disabilities can be especially high. *Keeping the Promise: High-Cost Special Education Aid* helps school districts provide the education these students need and deserve.”

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NOTES: A list of payments to local education agencies receiving *Keeping the Promise: High-Cost Special Education Aid* is attached. Additional information is available on the High Cost Special Education Categorical Aid Program/Keeping the Promise website <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/highcost.html>. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_100.pdf.

Keeping the Promise: High-Cost Special Education Aid

Payments for Cost Incurred in the 2006-07 School Year

A-E

Appleton Area, \$75,256
Arcadia, \$18,116
* Arrowhead UHS, \$117
Ashland, \$6,743
Ashwaubenon, \$48,380
Baldwin-Woodville Area, \$4,157
Beloit, \$1,231
Boscobel Area, \$2,013
Brighton #1, \$15,269
Bristol #1, \$2,834
Brown Deer, \$38,879
Burlington Area, \$8,276
Cambridge, \$8,740
Cameron, \$48,322
Cedarburg, \$59,760
Central/Westosha UHS, \$27,601
* CESA 2, \$27,755
* CESA 10, \$127,954
Clinton Community, \$3,523
Clintonville, \$30,174
Cochrane-Fountain City, \$6,033
Crandon, \$8,384
Cuba City, \$25,674
Cudahy, \$1,477
D C Everest Area, \$35,534
Deerfield Community, \$2,055
* Durand, \$22,782
Edgerton, \$10,015
Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, \$12,461
* Elmbrook, \$47,544
Evansville Community, \$58,411

F-L

Florence, \$6,352
Fond du Lac, \$21,100
Fort Atkinson, \$21,878
Franklin Public, \$72,614
Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau, \$5,429
Germantown, \$31,100
Glendale-River Hills, \$5,089
Glenwood City, \$9,195
Grafton, \$36,304
Green Bay Area, \$265,561

Hartford UHS, \$3,320
Hartland-Lakeside J3, \$5,862
Herman #22, \$2,541
Highland, \$21,657
Independence, \$14,583
Janesville, \$40,330
Jefferson, \$32,862
Kenosha, \$59,081
Kettle Moraine, \$189,477
Kewaskum, \$15,921
Kickapoo Area, \$3,041
La Crosse, \$41,021
Lac du Flambeau, \$68,609
Lake Mills Area, \$12,168
Lakeland UHS, \$36,710
Laona, \$2,066
Lodi, \$6,164
Luxemburg-Casco, \$29,094

M-O

* Madison Metropolitan, \$1,428,826
Manitowoc, \$45,453
Maple Dale-Indian Hill, \$1,199
Markesan, \$52,030
Mauston, \$935
McFarland, \$8,205
Mellen, \$6,016
Menasha, \$33,829
Menomonie Area, \$25,235
Mequon-Thiensville, \$59,781
Merrill Area, \$1,498
Merton Community, \$12,597
Middleton-Cross Plains, \$131,390
Milwaukee, \$40,182
Minocqua J1, \$2,728
Mondovi, \$4,833
Monroe, \$10,477
Montello, \$35,622
Necedah Area, \$12,246
New Glarus, \$12,192
Northland Pines, \$17,621
Oak Creek-Franklin, \$11,490
Oakfield, \$3,089
Oconomowoc Area, \$20,766

Oconto Falls, \$3,261
Oregon, \$29,951
Osceola, \$30,341

P-S

Port Washington-Saukville, \$75,000
Portage Community, \$8,274
Potosi, \$16,735
Prairie Farm, \$1,169
Prentice, \$24,521
Racine, \$439,673
Richfield J1, \$12,222
River Falls, \$4,007
Riverdale, \$6,135
Rosholt, \$5,455
Rubicon J6, \$41,986
Saint Croix Falls, \$37,717
Saint Francis, \$20,992
Salem, \$23,749
Sevastopol, \$4,683
Sheboygan Area, \$101,475
Sheboygan Falls, \$10,078
Shorewood, \$6,415
Silver Lake J1, \$3,155
Somerset, \$27,819
Sparta Area, \$21,399
Spring Valley, \$23,805
Sun Prairie Area, \$53,138

T-W

* Three Lakes, \$7,677
Tomah Area, \$15,603
Twin Lakes #4, \$8,539
Verona Area, \$20,718
Viroqua Area, \$24,759
* Walworth CCDEB, \$285,461
Watertown, \$11,524
Waukesha, \$26,825
Wausau, \$4,713
West Bend, \$8,242
Wheatland J1, \$7,539
Whitefish Bay, \$30,605
Whitnall, \$13,365
* Wilmot UHS, \$24,722
Winneconne Community, \$25,992
Wisconsin Dells, \$3,514
Wisconsin Heights, \$19,546
Wittenberg-Biramwood, \$5,145

*Denotes the fiscal agent for services provided to children from other local educational agencies.